

### **393-13-.01 Continuing Education Requirements. Amended.**

(1) Forty (40) clock hours of continuing education are required biennially to renew a license.

(2) A minimum of six (6) of the forty (40) hours shall be on Professional Development/Integrity and/or Resident Rights. These hours may not be earned through online or independent study. The main focus must be on standards of professional conduct, professional responsibility, malpractice and recognition of ethical dilemmas. Hours concerned exclusively with legislative issues will not be acceptable. A minimum of three (3) of the forty (40) hours shall be on Emergency Preparedness training. These hours may not be earned through online or independent study, unless sponsored by Georgia Safe-Net or GHCA or FEMA. The main focus of these hours is disaster planning/preparedness.

(3) The remaining thirty-one (31) clock hours shall be in any or all of the following health care subject areas:

- (a) Resident Centered Care and Quality of Life;
- (b) Gerontology and Special Populations;
- (c) Human Resources;
- (d) Finance/Financial Practice/Financial Integrity;
- (e) Leadership Skills and Management;
- (f) Ancillary Services Management/Development;
- (g) Regulatory Compliance;
- (h) Quality Assurance.

(4) Online study from a NAB/N.C.E.R.S. approved course is allowed (see # 5).

(5) No more than twenty (20) clock hours may be from any online provider, OR, one course. However, this limit does not apply to professional conferences which offer multiple presentations.

(6) The continuing education requirement for the first renewal of a license which was issued in even numbered years shall be twenty (20) hours in any combination of the categories set out above. Licensees obtaining licensure in odd numbered years shall not be required to obtain any continuing education hours prior to the first renewal cycle. The passing of the national examination at any time during the biennium shall be equal to twenty (20) hours of continuing education.

(7) A "Continuing Education Unit" (CEUs) shall be defined as ten (10) clock hours of continuing education.

(8) Continuing education hours must be obtained within the two year biennium renewal cycle (i.e. January 1<sup>st</sup> of Even Numbered years and December 31<sup>st</sup> of Odd Numbered years).

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